

HUD FY 2017 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA: What to Expect and Strategies for Success

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Today's Webinar

- 90 minutes
- Approximately 30 minutes for Q & A at the end
- Attendees are in listen-only mode
- Ask a question at any time using the “Q and A” feature
- Recording will be posted to usich.gov and emailed to you



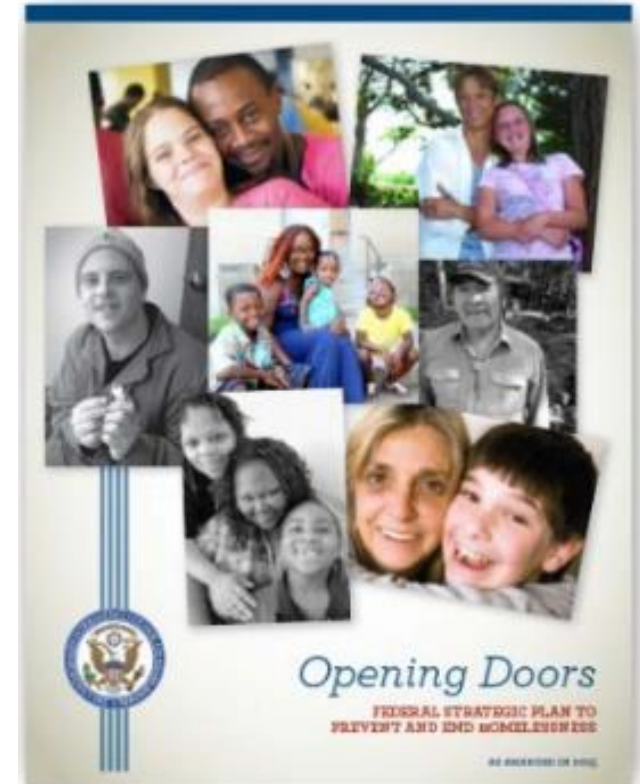
Webinar Agenda

- I. Background and Framing
- II. Objectives and Overview of the Competition
- III. Rating Factors and Strategies for Success
- IV. Coordinated Community Plan Principles
- V. Project Requirements
- VI. Lessons Learned from YHDP Round 1
- VII. Question and Answer Session



Federal Strategic Plan

- ✓ End chronic homelessness
- ✓ End Veteran homelessness
- ✓ End homelessness among families, youth and children
- ✓ Set a path to ending all types of homelessness





Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: Two Strategic Action Areas

#1 - Build the **foundation** for a coordinated and comprehensive community response

#2 - Build the **capacity of local communities** to implement the components of a coordinated and comprehensive community response

**Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness
A Coordinated Community Response**

In *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, we set a national goal to prevent and end youth homelessness in 2020. To get there, it will take all of us—government, non-profit, business, and philanthropy—to make sure every community has the capacity to achieve the goal.

Our understanding of the scope and dynamics of youth homelessness is growing. While we continue to learn more every day, we must act now to build the comprehensive and coordinated response that young people need to end their homelessness forever.

This document provides a preliminary vision for each response. It draws upon what we know works to end homelessness for other populations, along with strategies that support the unique needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults under 25.

We hope you'll use this document to advance discussions in your communities and build upon the work already underway. To receive additional tools and resources that will be developed to support the implementation of this response, [sign up for our newsletter](#).

Our Preliminary Vision for a Community Response

The Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness has developed a shared vision for the community response that will be necessary to prevent and end youth homelessness, illustrated here and described in more detail below.

ASSETS AND CAPACITY

Problem Population: Unaccompanied youth and young adults under 25.

Identified Needs and Barriers: Child Welfare, Criminal Justice (Arrests and Juvenile), Housing/Child Care, Group or Family, Foster Care, Substance Use, Educational Barriers.

Interventions/ Core Services: Stabilized Safe and Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Family/ Permanent Placement, Education & Employment Supports, Mental & Behavioral Health Services.

Shared Goals/Measurable Outcomes: Family/ Permanent Placement, Education & Employment Supports, Mental & Behavioral Health Services, Housing/Child Care, Group or Family, Foster Care, Substance Use, Educational Barriers.

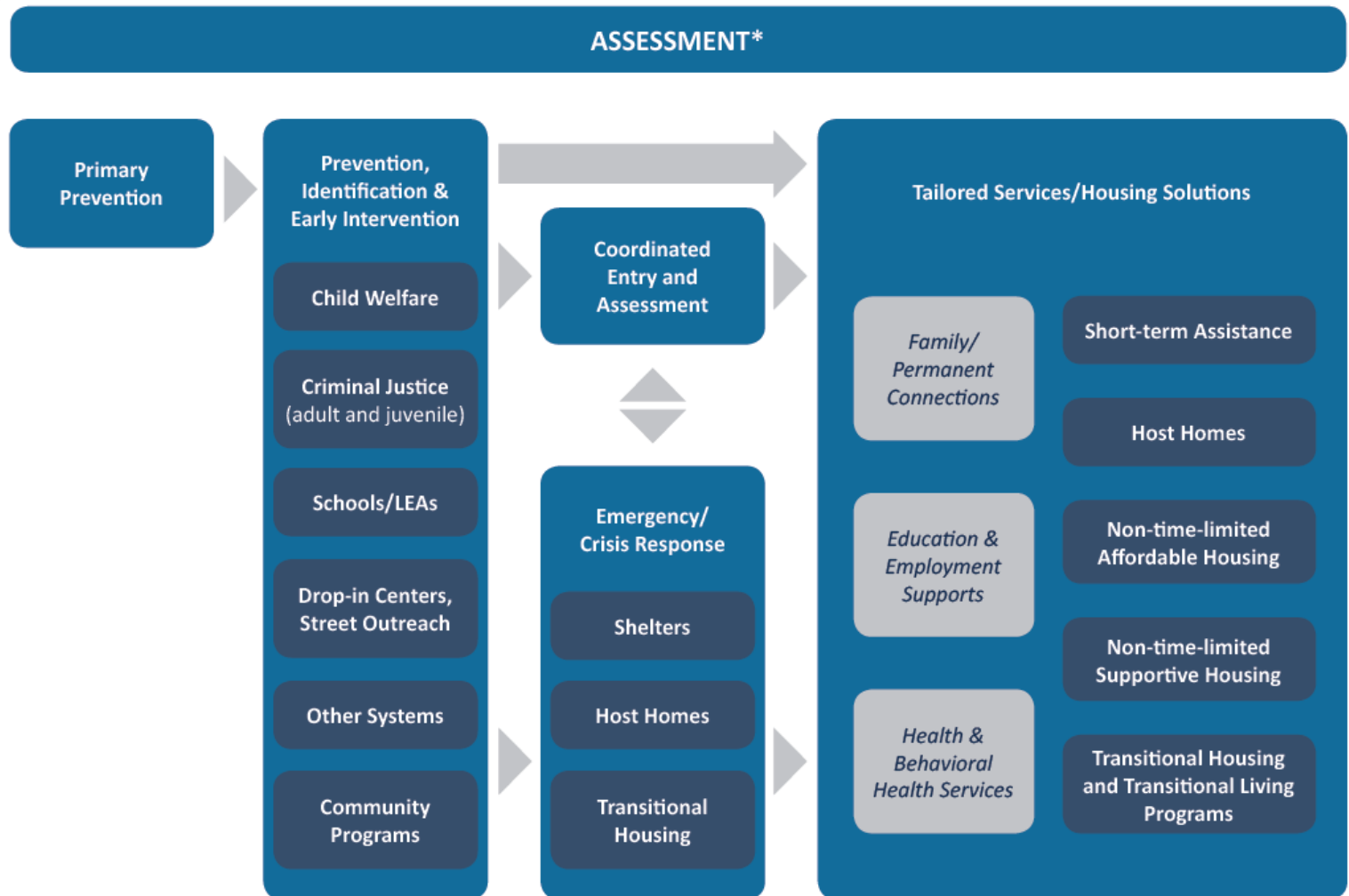
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Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness
Co-Chairs: U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Education, Department of Justice, Social Security Administration, Department of Labor

Read the [Coordinated Community Response](#).



Vision for Coordinated Community Response



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YHDP Objectives

1. Build national momentum
2. Evaluate the coordinated community approach
3. Expand capacity
4. Evaluate performance measures
5. Establish a framework for federal program and TA collaboration



Overview of the Competition

- **11 communities will be selected;** five will be rural
- Service population is **youth under the age of 25**
- **Grants for projects: 2-year grant term**, generally renewable through the CoC program competition except for CoC **planning** projects which will be for a 1-year grant term (non-renewable)
- **Deadline** is April 17, 2018 (11:59:59 pm ET)
- Submitted electronically to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- Only **CoC [Collaborative Applicants](#)** can apply
- Awards announced in **summer 2018**



Changes from FY 2016 NOFA

- \$43 million (compared to \$33 million)
- 11 communities, five of which must be rural
- Youth Advisory Board renamed “Youth Action Board”
- Rural definition expanded



Are You A Rural Community?

Use this tool to find out:

www.hudexchange.info/resource/5670/fy-2017-yhdp-rural-area-worksheet

FY 2017 YHDP Rural Area Worksheet					
Instructions: 1. Beginning on line 15 in the "Target Community Area," select from the pull-down menu the first county you intend to include for your FY 2017 YHDP application. 2. Continue selecting up to 50 counties—if you intend to include more than 50 counties, email youthdemo@hud.gov for an expanded form. 3. The Target Area Community is prohibited from crossing CoC boundaries or including multiple states. 4. Cells under each category of the rural definition self-populate. 5. The "Rural Eligibility Categories Summary" is a summary of all areas indicated in the table.					
Rural Eligibility Categories Summary		Eligible			
Category A					
Category B					
Category C					
Rural?		No			
Target Area Community (by county)	Category A	Category B	Category B	Category B	Category C
	In an Metropolitan Statistical Area?	Total Population	Non-Urban Population	% of Population that is Non-Urban	Eligible State
Total		-	-		



3 Key Threshold Requirements

1. The applicant **must be** the CoC Collaborative Applicant
2. Youth Action Board must **meaningfully participate** in priorities and implementation
3. Child welfare agency **must be** a CoC member, with an MOU showing commitment to and participation in YHDP





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Rating Factors

Rating Factor	Points
Leadership Capacity	20
Current Resource Capacity	5
Community Need	10
Capacity for Innovation	15
Collaboration	20
Financial Resources	10
Data and Evaluation	20
Total Possible Points	100

****Bonus Points are NOT AVAILABLE in this competition**



Strategies for Success

- Read the NOFA carefully
- Adhere to NOFA principles
- Reach out to partners early
- Utilize your Youth Action Board
- Look to Round 1 communities
- Think outside the box





After Award, Communities Will:

Learn award amount (\$1 million min).

Develop coordinated community plan.

Before approval, submit project applications for up to 30% of total award amount.

After approval, submit project applications for balance of award.

Receive TA support, including from youth with lived experience.



Principles That Must Be Incorporated Into Your Plan

1. USICH Youth Framework and 4 core outcomes
2. Needs of Special Populations
3. Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)
4. Family Engagement
5. Immediate access to housing with no preconditions



Principles, Cont'd

6. Youth Choice

7. Individualized and Client-Driven Support

8. Social and Community Integration

9. Coordinated Entry



For Selected Sites: Program Project Requirements

Appendix A: Selected communities may submit applications for the **following kinds of projects**:

- Planning Grants
- Program Components
 - Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH)
 - Joint Component
 - Transitional Housing
 - HMIS
 - Supportive Services Only
- Innovative projects or activities



Appendix A cont'd

Innovative projects that are fundable without a waiver

- Host Homes/kinship care, paying for other costs, like food
- Shared Housing

Innovative projects that are fundable with a regulatory waiver, renewable

- Rapid Rehousing 2.0 (master leasing, rental assistance and leasing in the same project, etc.)
- TAY Rental Assistance- assistance up to age 25, retaining eligibility from initial assessment throughout
- Increased Security Deposits
- Post-TH Assistance- security deposits and first and last months rent

Innovative projects that are fundable with a statutory waiver, not renewable

- Host Homes/kinship care, paying for utility costs



Appendix B: Waivers

This section of the NOFA describes the process for submitting waiver requests to carry out the innovative project ideas described in Appendix A.



Lessons Learned from Round 1

- Participating in YHDP is a lot of work!
- Think about sustainability early and often.
- Start with the data you have, even if it's imperfect.
- Submit waiver requests as soon as you can.





Lessons Learned from Round 1

- **Youth are Experts**
- Use **Data** to Make Decisions
- Use **subpopulation demographic data** to influence interventions and implementation strategies.
- **Housing intervention** and case management philosophies (PYD and YIIC) need to be well-crafted and intentional.
- **Impactful partnerships** are hard work.





Question and Answer Session

- Please submit questions using the Question and Answer feature function found the Zoom toolbar.
- We will get to as many questions as we can in the time remaining.
- We strongly encourage you to submit any outstanding questions to HUD AAQ:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>
 - Under “my question is related to...” field, select “CoC”



Resources

Visit the USICH webpage on tools for action related to:

- **Federal Frameworks**
- **Youth Leadership**
- **Housing First**
- **Coordinated Entry**
- **Housing Interventions**
- **Partnerships**

<https://www.usich.gov/news/these-resources-can-help-you-prepare-your-ydhp-application1>



Thank you!

Thank you for joining today's webinar!

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We'll email you to let you know!



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